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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ronni S. Sterns, et al.
Title: PHONETIC TRANSLITERATION CARD DISPLAY
Serial No.: 09/663,329
Filed: September 18, 2000
Examiner: Kurt Fernstrom
Art Unit: 3712
Docket No.: CRT/11842

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b), applicants hereby petition for the Office to withdraw the holding of abandonment mailed May 12, 2005. The reasons that support the granting of this petition are set forth below.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION

The Office Action that was mailed September 10, 2004 set a three-month period in which to respond. Applicants prepared a response to the Office Action that would

have placed the case in condition for allowance and mailed same to the Office on December 10, 2004. A copy of the response in question is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The response was mailed within the period for response established by the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004. The response included a certificate of mailing that complied in all respects with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a).

The response was filed with a postcard receipt, a copy of the front and back of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B. It is our firm's practice to include postcard receipts with all correspondence mailed to the Office. Postage is applied to a postcard receipt at the time postage is applied to the envelope in which the paper and its postcard receipt are placed. As can be seen from Exhibit B, postage was applied to the postcard receipt on December 10, 2004.

It is the practice of our firm to place a copy of the postcard receipt in the application file at the time the postcard receipt and its associated paper are mailed to the Office. The copy of the postcard receipt retained in the file serves as a mailing log to establish what was mailed to the Office, as well as the date of mailing. A copy of the pertinent postcard receipt from the file in question is attached hereto as Exhibit C. A review of Exhibit C confirms that a Response to Office Action (dated 09/10/04) was mailed to the Office on December 10, 2004.

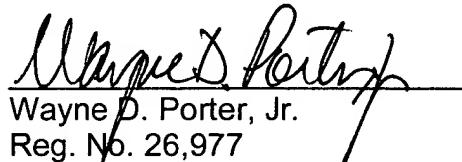
A review of Exhibit B indicates that the response was received by the Office on December 14, 2004. This date of receipt would be consistent with a date of mailing of December 10, 2004. Although the response was received by the Office after the period set for response, it should have been considered as timely filed because it (a) was

mailed prior to the expiration of the period set for response, and (b) included a certificate of mailing that complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a).

CONCLUSION

Applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004 and did so in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). The enclosed Exhibits A, B, and C confirm that a timely response was made and that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a) were met. The Office should withdraw the holding of abandonment and return the application file to the examiner for further action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 13-16, 18 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

EXHIBIT

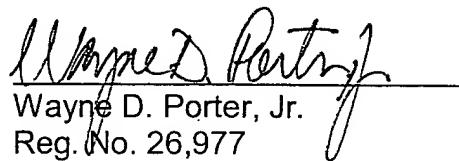
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REMARKS

By this response, applicant has cancelled claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 13-16, 18 and 19.

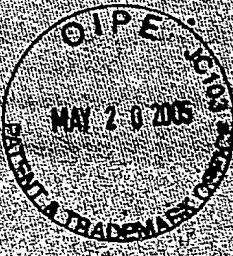
Claim 20 is the only claim remaining in the application. Since the examiner has indicated that claim 20 has been allowed, the application now is in condition for allowance.

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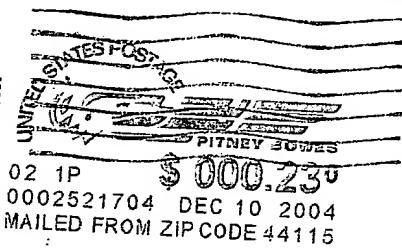
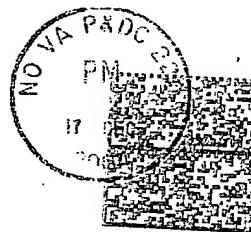
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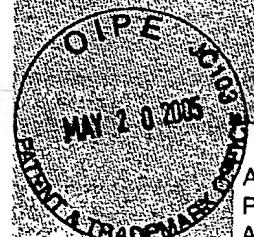


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